

# ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

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1. <div></div> 5F38 Hqtrs.				We would like to take a poll for our own guidance at the approximate half-way point for this second pilot cycle of the Engineering Systems Analysis series. The reason for this timing is that looking back over a six-month interval may be more accurate than looking over the full 12 months of the series. Would you please check off the attached questionnaire some time in the next two weeks and route back through your Training Officer. If questions arise.	
2. TRAINING OFFICER OCS 2E23 Hqs				STAT	
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4.				to say nothing of looking a	
5.				full 12 mos.	
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10.				1-3 How about a clear writing course? I'm afraid some questions were missed by me. GIGO.	
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## COURSE CRITIQUE

Please rate 1-10 (poor to excellent respectively) by placing a check on the scale given. Comment below question where indicated. Use back of pages if needed.

### FORM

### RATING

1. <sup>The</sup> ~~1st~~ Format of the course was intended to <sup>require</sup> ~~accommodate~~ to a ~~rough~~ 5% time commitment and to provide ~~a~~ a full-day class treatment of a particular topical area. Please rate:

1 day/month	1	5	10
4 hours/every 2 weeks	1	5	<u>X</u> 10

- Other Alternatives: *full time course for 8 weeks, 2-3 hrs/week as a 3 semester course including challenging problems.*
2. <sup>purpose</sup> The ~~point~~ <sup>how</sup> of the applications sessions <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ to illustrate ~~where current~~ <sup>how</sup> course material <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>being used</sup> utilized in the real world. Please rate effectiveness:

Material relevance	1	<u>X</u> 5	10
Applications speakers	1	<u>X</u> 5	10
<u>present actions?</u>	1	<u>X</u> 5	10

3. The purpose of the homework was to exercise topical material with about 4 hours of work. Please rate these:

*no learning function?*

3 one-hour problems	1	<u>X</u> 5	10
20 ten-minute problems	1	<u>X</u> 5	10

4. A possible alternative is available in giving a "keep-alive" exercise in the topical area. Please rate these alternatives for continuity (this would be a short session of 1 hour scheduled between the bi-weekly classes):

Problem-solving session	1	<u>X</u> 5	10
Second applications session	<u>X</u> 1	5	10

*no real motivation to do exercise provided*

5. The class was ~~intended to be~~ weighted towards a blackboard-pictorial development in order to convey modelling concepts more readily. Please rate effectiveness of alternatives:

Diagrammatic presentation

1 5 ~~X~~ 10

Mix of vuegraphs & chalkboard

1 ~~5~~ 10

6. The symbology of various systems disciplines is confusing due to the separate source developments. An effort at consistency was made in order to permit cross interpretation within the technical literature. Please rate effectiveness:

*have to know differences to rate,  
I would think.*

Common symbology

1 ~~5~~ 10

Example illustrations

1 ~~5~~ 10

7. The intent of notes and handout material furnished throughout the month was to tie course topics to technical literature. Please rate:

*what month? why not motivate students to visit the library?*

*something missing if one has to "tie" course topics to technical literature*

Effectiveness of hand-out reprints

1 ~~5~~ 10

Effectiveness of specially developed handouts

1 ~~5~~ 10

8. General impedimenta such as same room same day/month, same format, etc., for providing continuity. Please rate:

Room

1 5 ~~X~~ 10

Day

1 ~~5~~ 10

Daily sequence

1 5 10

Would you prefer a roundtable seminar format?

~~X~~ 5 10

*what does this mean?*

9. The course was designed to present a semi-unitary approach to several disciplines. Please rate applicable areas 1-10:

Communications	_____	Optics	_____	Acoustics	_____
Hum. Eng. & Biomed.	_____	Seismics	_____	Pictorial	_____
Computer Technology	_____				

*question borders the semi-absurd.*

*what is "semi-unitary"?  
not quite a whole cup - perhaps a half cup?*

# SUBSTANCE

10. The course material is split 50% basic math tools and 50% in commonality subsystems. (Those subsystems which are pervasive in designs across disciplines.) The sequence was that recommended by ASEE for match modelling related to several fields. Please rate:

*if you have to explain it use another word.*

*see Webster's 2nd ed P 166*

Balance of material  
Total content

1	5	10
1	5	10

*stretching the meaning*

The sequence is given below for each session. Please give your rating for both material content and for the applications given both formally and in the course of concept development.

11. Session I; Vectorial Representation; matrices, num. analysis, linear systems, sampling, manipulation:

Material  
Application

1	5	10
1	5	10

12. Session II; Transforms; convolution, Fourier and Laplace transformations, Z transforms, impulse response, numerical analysis:

Material  
Application

1	5	10
1	5	10

13. Session III; Probability and Statistics; random var., expectancy, density functions, distributions, confidence limits:

Material  
Application

1	5	10
1	5	10

14. Session IV; Stochastic Variable; stationarity, ergodicity, moments, correlation, power spectral density, white noise, square law detection:

Material	1	<del>5</del>	10
Application	1	5	10

15. Session V; Signal Detection; value, cost likelihood ratio detection, Bayes Law:

*not given as of 5-12-72*

Material	1	5	10
Application	1	5	10

16. Session VI; Detector Subsystems I; receiver operating characteristics, detection situations, S/N ratio, data smoothing and prediction:

*not given as of 5-12-72*

Material	1	5	10
Application	1	5	10

Other comments:

This course is not taught on what I would consider an undergraduate level although I am sure   could conduct a good high level graduate course. I cannot provide the answer to motivating the students of this course if I consider myself as an example. Perhaps this course should require a certain level of background and challenge the people it accepts and require some given level of performance from them.

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